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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Three years is a very long time. With the economy in its current shape and so many other important causes that tax payer dollars could be used for, there could never be a better time to close this case. Microsoft has contributed too much to society, the economy and the IT industry to be punished the way they have been. Microsoft's innovations have changed the computer technology forever and enhanced the professional and personal lives of millions of users around the world.

In addition to the soundness of Microsoft's innovations, the past three years has proven that Microsoft is has fortitude and strength. Though the lawsuit has, without a doubt, cost Microsoft millions of dollars and unspeakable frustration, I believe that the hardship they have had to endure throughout this litigation will only help to make them a better company. They have already displayed gracious compliance to the terms of the

settlement and have even agreed to issues that were not even at issue in the lawsuit.

It should no longer be necessary for competitors to accuse Microsoft of trying to corner the market. This is because Microsoft has agreed to create future versions of Windows that would allow for compatibility with non-Microsoft products. Additionally, competitors will have access to internal Windows interfaces--an unprecedented move in an antitrust case.

It is my hope and the hope of many observers that this matter will come to a close as soon as possible. We are counting on your vigilant efforts.

Sincerely,

John Lilygren

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